

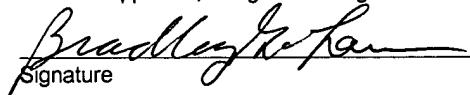
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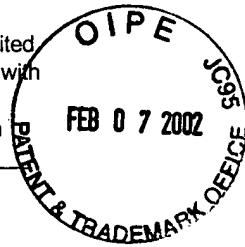
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Case No. 396/350

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
EDWARD KANDEL)
Serial No.: 10/040,209) Art Unit:
Filed: October 26, 2001)
For: PROCESS FOR COMBINED) Examiner: Not Assigned
PLEATING OF FILTER MEDIA AND)
MOLDING OF FILTER ASSEMBLY)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 29231

Dear Sir:

In conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following.

<u>Country/PTO</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date</u>
United States	2,145,731	Minor	1/31/39
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United States	5,993,580	Nakayama et al.	11/30/99
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Applicant wishes to bring the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the attention of the Examiner in the above-captioned application for U.S. Letters Patent. The Examiner is invited to review the full disclosure of these documents for his or her own independent evaluation of their pertinence to the invention claimed. A copy of each of the referenced documents is enclosed herewith, along with a copy of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant requests that these documents be included in the record of this application.

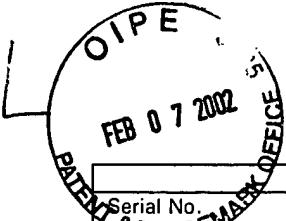
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 396/350
Serial No. 10/26/01	Filing Date October 26, 2001	Examiner	Group Art Unit
Inventor(s) Edward Kandel			
Title of Invention Process For Combined Pleating Of Filter Media And Molding Of Filter Assembly			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Information Disclosure Statement; PTO-1449; cited references.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

Petition for a _____ month extension of time.

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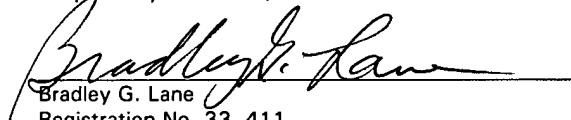
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REFERENCE DESIGNATION **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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